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The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (DP/FPA/1996/14) and reaffirms the importance of information and advocacy activities that should enable the promotion of increased awareness and better understanding of Fund activities;

2. Also takes note of the efforts undertaken by the United Nations Population Fund to make most of its publications available in different languages and requests the Executive Director also to take into consideration the linguistic balances in developing the electronic dissemination of information;

3. Encourages the Executive Director to give special attention to the needs of the Information and External Relations Division publication programme to support information, education and communication efforts at the national and local levels with appropriate means;

4. Requests the Executive Director to develop a long-term strategy in the area of communication and information, in the context of the role of the United Nations Population Fund in advocacy and in consultation with the members of the Board as well as with observers and non-governmental organizations, which takes account of the need to prioritize its publications with special attention to the content of other publications of the United Nations and the financial and human constraints of the Fund;

5. Also requests the Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board prior to examination of the biennial budget estimates for 1998-1999, the strategy referred to in paragraph 4 above and to present, at the same session, an analysis of the costs of publications, previously submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions including information on publications distribution;

6. Requests the Executive Director to examine and to propose to the Executive Board all viable solutions to facilitate the timely collection and dissemination of current data contained in the Inventory of Population Projects in Developing Countries Around the World and of the Guide to Sources of International Population Assistance.